

Comment on *Adela cuprella* ([D.&S.]) (Lep.: Incurvariidae) in Berkshire

I can understand Mr Sims' pleasure (*Ent.Rec.* **110**: 287) at seeing *Adela cuprella* for the first time; its splendid livery really shines with a warm coppery glow in incident light and then, when dancing round the tops of willow trees, they are more akin to specks of soot with the motion of a yo-yo. However, to say that *A. cuprella* had not hitherto been recorded from Berkshire in spite of being mapped for VC22 in *Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland 1* (Harley Books) was truly amazing. I am not sure whether this statement is a bigger slight on the integrity of John Heath and Ted Pelham-Clinton (the authors of the Incurvariid chapter in *MBGBI 1*) or on that of the local recorders. The basis for the record from VC22 in *MBGBI 1*, and incidentally, the two Berkshire 10km square records shown on page 21 of *Preliminary Atlas of the Lepidoptera: Incurvarioidea of the British Isles* (1986, BRC, Monks Wood), are specimens collected by H.L. Dolton from "Streatley Hill, Berks" (1945) and "Sulham Woods, Berks" (no date) which, according to the then deputy director, B.R. Baker (*in litt.* 8.vi.1964), were present in Reading Museum at that date and presumably are still there!— K.P. BLAND, National Museums of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF.

***Prionus coriarius* (L.) (Col.: Cerambycidae) in Hampshire and the New Forest.**

In March 1997 (*Ent. Rec.* **109**: 64) I drew attention to the fact that this spectacular beetle had not been recorded from Hampshire since before 1970 (Hyman & Parsons, 1992. *Review of the scarce and threatened Coleoptera of Great Britain. Part 1*. UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Peterborough). Further to my capture of a specimen in Denny Wood, New Forest (grid reference SU 335065) on 8 August 1996, I asked if this single specimen did no more than highlight under-reporting, or whether the beetle was increasing its range. Since then I have been informed by Philip Budd that he had taken specimens at m.v. light in Roydon Woods, New Forest (SU 305005) on 18 March 1991 and 20 July 1998. He had also taken a specimen at Durley, near Eastleigh, Hampshire (SU 519182) on 3 August 1990. Another specimen was found at Mayfield Park, Southampton (SU 450104) on 8 September 1986. In July 1998 I was informed that the Forest Rangers had found a specimen in Hollands Wood, New Forest (SU 305050). As the three New Forest sites – Denny Wood, Roydon Woods and Hollands Wood – are less than three miles from each other, and the two other Hampshire sites are only a few miles from the New Forest, it would appear that *P. coriarius* is established in this area.— MICHAEL A. SALMON, Avon Lodge, Woodgreen, New Forest, Hampshire SP6 2AU.

